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Seniors Plan Class Day

Planning Class Day: Marguerite Perotta, Eleanor Yuretich, Clare McDonnell, Frances Minichello, Ellen Reilly, Elizabeth Lynch.

Class day will be May 28. The seniors will assist at 9 o'clock Mass and receive Holy Communion at St. Francis Xavier's Church. Following Mass, they will meet with the faculty at Michel's restaurant for a Communion breakfast.

After breakfast, each class historian will read the chronicle of her class recalling to mind the memorable moments that the girls have spent together. The prophecies and last wills and testaments will also be read.

Awards for participation in extracurricular activities will be made and Sister Agnes Winifred will present the school keys to the seniors. These keys, the last remembrance of the Academy for the seniors, symbolize that the doors of St. Francis will always be opened to them.

Some of the girls plan to conclude the day's festivities by enjoying dinner and a show in New York.

Students Join to Honor Mary

The very beautiful and inspirational May Coronation will take place this year at St. Francis May 19 at 1 p.m.

As in former years, the students will assemble in the parish church where Monsignor Hoar will address them. The girls will then return to the campus, singing hymns in honor of Our Lady. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be given outdoors. The highlight of the ceremony will be the crowning of Our Lady's statue by Marilyn Van Dereedt who represents *Our Lady of The Snows* Praesidium. She will be assisted by Barbara Doherty from *Virgo Dolorosa* Praesidium.

The theme for this year is "The Litany of the Blessed Mother." Each senior who has been an officer of the Legion of Mary will recite sections of the litany.

The student body will be dressed in white, while the senior legionnaires will be arrayed in pastel shades. The daisy is the flower chosen for their wreaths and bouquets.

The senior legionnaires participating are: Catherine Hall, Therese Caplice, Ann Paula Zero, Jean Adornetta, Maureen Lenahan, Joan Cardullo, Maureen Clancy, Margaret Gallo, Eileen Costello, Eileen King, Patricia Sepsi, Estelle Scarati, Janet Pinto, Carol Flaig, Miriam Blake, Maureen Mangan, Barbara Bronkhurst, Rosalie Cricchio and Martha Reid.

Principal Congratulates Graduates of June 1959

God be with you and guide every step of your way. Four years at St. Francis Xavier Academy have proved happy years for you. You have made the grade—sometimes it has been hard—other times it has been rewarding. Parents and teachers have eased that way over the rough spots. The Guiding Hand of Christ, the greatest Teacher, has directed you. You have been protected from the tension of today's turmoil. Your Alma Mater has tried to give you sound Catholic principles for daily living. Your Catholic way of life should make you quick to live rightly. Your Commencement is a beginning of better things to come. It is yours to choose the good and reject the evil.

Saint Francis Xavier Academy has stressed scholarship and extracurricular activity. Both form character. This is a time for congratulations to the seniors for you have reached the goal. May the future be rich in grace and joy for the Class of June 1959.

Sister Agnes Winifred
Your Principal

Father Keane to Be Speaker At Commencement Exercises

Rev. Joseph P. Keane, of the faculty of Cathedral College, will address the 92 seniors who will graduate from the stage of the Brooklyn Academy of Music June 19 at 8 p.m.

Rev. Joseph P. Keane

The graduates will wear the traditional floor length white gowns and carry bouquets of long stemmed American Beauty Roses.

Msgr. Hoar Presides

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward P. Hoar will preside. After presenting the diplomas and academic honors, Monsignor will extend a brief congratulatory message to the graduates and their parents.

Student Body Forms Choral Group

Under the direction of Mr. James Obrotka, the student body will entertain between formal parts of the exercises. Schubert's "Ave Maria" will be most inspiring as well as the more familiar songs, "On the Street Where You Live," "I Wish I Wuz," and the ever popular Irish Folk tune "Bendemeer's Stream."

Graduates Accompany Choristers

The choral group will be accompanied by Ann Kraschna, Frances Di Lorenzo, Veronica Miscione, Margaret Giordano, Lurana McLoughlin, Therese Caplice, Patricia Matthew, and Marilyn Van Dereedt.

Veronica Curcio and Maureen Dillon will play Chopin's "Polonaise in A Flat Major" in a two piano arrangement.

Orchestral Selections Varied

Among the selections to be played by the orchestra are "Pomp and Circumstance," "Processional," "Andantino," "The Land of Fiesta," and "Pomp and Ceremony."

The singing of the school song will conclude the commencement exercises.

News Bulletins

Win Scholarships...

To add to the Academy's honor, news has arrived of three additional scholarships merited by its seniors. Maureen Mangan 4B1, received a full tuition scholarship to Saint Joseph's College. Theresa Olivieri 4B2, is the recipient of a partial scholarship to Woods Secretarial School.

Word has also been received that Mary Brosnahan 4B1 has received a Regents State Scholarship.

New Member...

This term the Leo Honor Society admitted another member. Frances DiLorenzo 4B² fulfilled all the requirements for admission. She was given her pin and formally inducted by Sister Agnes Winifred.

Team Formed . . .

Sister St. Alphonsus announces the formation of a volley ball team. The team is to be composed of six students of each year. The first game will be played May 20 with St. Savior's team.

Fashion Show . . .

Two sophomores, Mary Ellen Chase 2B1 and Mary Lang 2B2, participated in a fashion show of the Legion of Mary at the Curia meeting. The purpose of the show was to further Mary-like fashions.

Many thanks to Sister Grace Virginia, moderator of *The Courier*, from her graduate staff of '59, for all her wonderful effort and patience.

Amateurs to Stage Repeat Performance

Because of the tremendous success of the premiere of the Academy's Amateur Show, another performance has been scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 17, for the parents and friends of the students.

A wide variety of entertainment from singing and dancing to impersonations will begin at 2:15 P.M. in the parish auditorium.

Sincere congratulations and best wishes are extended to our new Auxiliary Bishops, the Most Reverend Charles R. Mulrooney and the Most Reverend Joseph P. Denning on their elevation to the Episcopate.

May our fervent prayers assist them in their spiritual tasks.

A Momentous Step

In one month, 92 seniors will go out into the world. During their four years at St. Francis, they have acquired a fair sampling of knowledge in various subjects. No doubt they feel themselves accomplished young ladies. And they are. They are also very fortunate young women. For four years they have had excellent spiritual preparation for entering a world which often forgets about the existence of the spiritual. They are going forth with a wider, clearer understanding of God, and their duty to Him. They will be called upon to defend the Christian principles they have learned and practiced. To every profession they enter, they must bring this same high moral code. Later, this training will prove invaluable when many of them become wives and mothers.

For all of them, however, commencement will mean a beginning, an entrance into the world of adults. So, upon this solemn occasion, we join with the faculty and underclassmen in wishing them happiness and success in all their undertakings.

Summer Jobs

Xavierites, lend me your ears. "Now" is the time for all dreamers and wishful thinkers to come to the aid of their bankbooks, by applying for summer jobs.

Graduates can start right with the banks. Many will accept summer applicants who wish to continue working during college. They will adapt the working hours to your college schedule.

Knowing how to type would be an asset in obtaining clerical positions. Sophs and juniors should take advantage of the summer courses in typing that high schools offer free of charge.

Bakeries and department stores are another source of employment. Local stores too usually need summer replacements and shouldn't be overlooked as possibilities.

If all else fails, one method (though we hate to mention it because it makes us feel like "low-lifes") is resorting to unsuspecting relatives who might be able to obtain an interview for us or use a baby-sitting, errand-running niece.

When looking for a summer or part-time job, don't be discouraged at the first turn-down. Statistics may tell us of the millions of unemployed, but they don't tell us if these millions really tried to obtain other positions.

Hepzibah's Hints

Dear Hepzibah,

I have a severe personality problem—people don't like me. I try to be as pleasant as possible but a few harmless pranks played in my joyous boyhood have black-balled me from friendly society. Can you give any helpful suggestions.

A. Capone

Dear A.

Perhaps it's the type of cigar you smoke.

Hepzi

Dear Hepzi,

I believe in "way-out" living. I despise regimentation, abhor neatness and hate conformity. I think Freud is the utmost and dig cool music like wow. All I want out of life is a loaf of bread, a jug of wine and that sick, sick feeling. Have you any idea where I can find some likely candidates to share this maximum life with me.

Beat Nick

Dear Mr. Beat,

I'm sure you'll find what you're looking for in the Prospect Park Zoo.

Hepzi

Dear Hepzibah,

As a teenager I find that I often have trouble getting people to treat me as an adult. Can you give me any suggestions?

Stumped

Dear Stumped,

For your very special problems I have formulated four "never-known-to-fail" rules.

1. Yell as loud as you can when you want to express an opinion—otherwise you won't be heard.

2. Do something spectacular when you feel yourself slipping out of the center of attention. (Staging a lynching or some other such playful stunt will do.)

3. Do the exact opposite of anything anyone tells you. Show "them" that you are an individual.

If all else fails try collecting a gang of younger children to follow you around and give you confidence.

Good luck, dear.

Hepzi

Editors' Note:

Now that Hepzi is leaving us, we wish her all the success of the "outside" world. We also wish good luck to Hepzi Jr. who will take her place in this column.

Catch the Rose Fever

"A rose is a rose" is the idea of pretty summer frocks. This summer the big idea in fashions is found in a swirl of flowers. The flower that was chosen from the large bower was the rose.

The elegance of roses is found in every type of summer apparel. From the tip of her toe to the top of her head, the young miss is aglow with blushing tones.

Footwear, in shades that range from tender pink to deep rose. Carefree sandals loose tired feet from the winter's confinement. Although they have a comfortable casual look, they are dressy enough for special occasions. These blend well with the now popular pastel tinted stockings.

Crisp cottons and pretty plisses are summer joys. Some of the newest roses in sight are trellised into border-printed cottons. Full skirts billow into bloom with a fresh flower garden look. Their simple clear cut lines will give a new lift to vacation fun. The little girl look of these piques merit A plus for neatness.

Cap your crowning glory with the rosebud perfection of hair bows and sailor hats. For the final touches, add cool white gloves in a short length trimmed in two-tone pink.

Mix and match your summer wardrobe with gay coordinates. Solid colors vie with stripes and florals for new combinations. A new fabric has been introduced into these bright playmates. It's cotton-satin with wash 'n wear practicability.

Summer fun means summer sun and lots of it. See yourself by the sea in a two-piece swim outfit. Slim-lined suits ending in a tailored leg have flattering cover coats sprayed with roses. Perhaps you prefer the short pleated skirt of confectionery lace to accentuate femininity. Square and sweetheart necks are developed with rickrack edging and tiny heart buttons.

When you choose from the wide varieties of styles and colors, be sure you keep modesty in mind. Mary-like attire will make you truly beautiful, inside and out.

The Long Search

A long, long time ago—even before television began to dominate the American home—people used to read. Sometimes even children read. And sometimes they even read real books—with lots and lots of words. In this time which was a long, long time ago, there existed three of these odd creatures—girl creatures—who read real books.

The one book that struck the fancy of each of these girl creatures was that famous piece of literature known as "Flibbity Jibbets and the Keykeeper". Although these three souls never met they were forming an unbreakable bond between them.

These girl creatures began to grow and although they searched and searched—(it was a lonely search) they couldn't find another bright face that also knew "Flibbity Jibbets." And then one happy day a miracle occurred—Ann Paula Zero, Alberta Van Valen and Janet Pinto discovered each other.

Now these three think that there might be other "lost souls." Any "searcher" may contact these three at the *Courier* address. There will be much pounding of backs, many tears of joy and—of course—a reading of "Flibbity Jibbets" (and the Keykeeper—of course!!!).

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Varsity's Grand Finale Boasts Eleven Wins

Team and Cheerleaders Bid Farewell

Attempting to make this season one of their most successful, the Maroon and Gold once again met Fontbonne Hall, filled with the hope of a victory. The team's practiced plays gave them the lead in the first half but Fontbonne finally claimed the victory. The game ended with the score 47—39.

The team traveled to St. Joseph's home court for the second game with our Bridge Street competitor. St. Joseph's captain Ann Murphy and our own Eileen DeSoye had the spectators nervous with their precise shooting and the tight score. During the last quarter, the score was tied, but two additional baskets named us the winner 65—51.

The eagerness of O.L.P.H. for a victory was quite evident when the team entered their courts in Bay Ridge. After many unsuccessful attempts to score, they acknowledged our victory at the final whistle with a score of 57—23.

Reaching high: Captain Eileen DeSoye of SFXA in white uniform

Once again another season was coming to an end, and adhering to tradition, SFXA held its memorable last game. As the team met their opponents, their hopes were high for a final victory. When the game was interrupted at the half for the team's "adieus" the score was tied. However, the festivity of the game appeared to be an unfortunate omen for the Maroon and Gold. St. Savior's carried the victory of 26—23.

All Star Players: Marilyn Palmeri, Eileen DeSoye

Now that we have come to the end of an action-packed season, let's review the team's painstaking accomplishments. Of the 18 games played, our varsity won 11. The team deserves our thanks for their untiring efforts for SFXA and good sportsmanship. Recognition should also be given to our dedicated cheerleaders and their "antics" to increase school spirit. Thanks must also be given to Sisters St. Alphonsus and Jean Timothy, our moderators, Miss Jean Ingrassia, our coach, Ellen Reilly, our manager, the score-keepers and last but not least the spectators.

All Star Game

The diocesan varsity champions gathered at Our Lady of Angels gym for the first annual all-star game. The star players were divided into two teams, Team A, which represented the Flatbush and Bay Ridge schools and Team B in which Eileen DeSoye, our captain, and Marilyn Palmeri represented SFXA.

As the game progressed, the Central team quickly gained points through the sharpshooting of its captain, our own Eileen and St. Angela's Pat Muller. However, when the final whistle was heard the score was tied—29 up. The next two minutes proved to be the downfall of Team B. Two quick baskets named Team A, the champions with a 33—29 score.

Following the game Father Haggarty, director of OLA athletics, presented each of the players a well earned trophy.

Card Party Huge Success

The success of the Academy's Dessert-Card Party, at St. Joseph's College can be attributed to the splendid cooperation of the parents and the girls themselves who joined forces with the faculty to make this affair truly memorable.

The party served a dual role —social as well as financial.

Fifty juniors and seniors acted as hostesses and helped with the decorating.

3B1 and 3B2 were victors in the Sweepstake Chance drive, while Vivian Rizzo 4B1 and Barbara Ferreri 3B1 were the top salesmen.

Bowling Team Sees Action

The newly formed Bowling Team under the supervision of our athletic coach, Mrs. Farrell, is participating in a tournament with other Catholic Girls' High School Teams of the diocese.

St. Brendan's defeated us in the first game played April 17. The return game which was also a win for St. Brendan's was played at the Plaza Bowling Alley, Flatbush and Seventh Avenues, April 28.

Other competitors in the tournament will be Fontbonne and Bishops.

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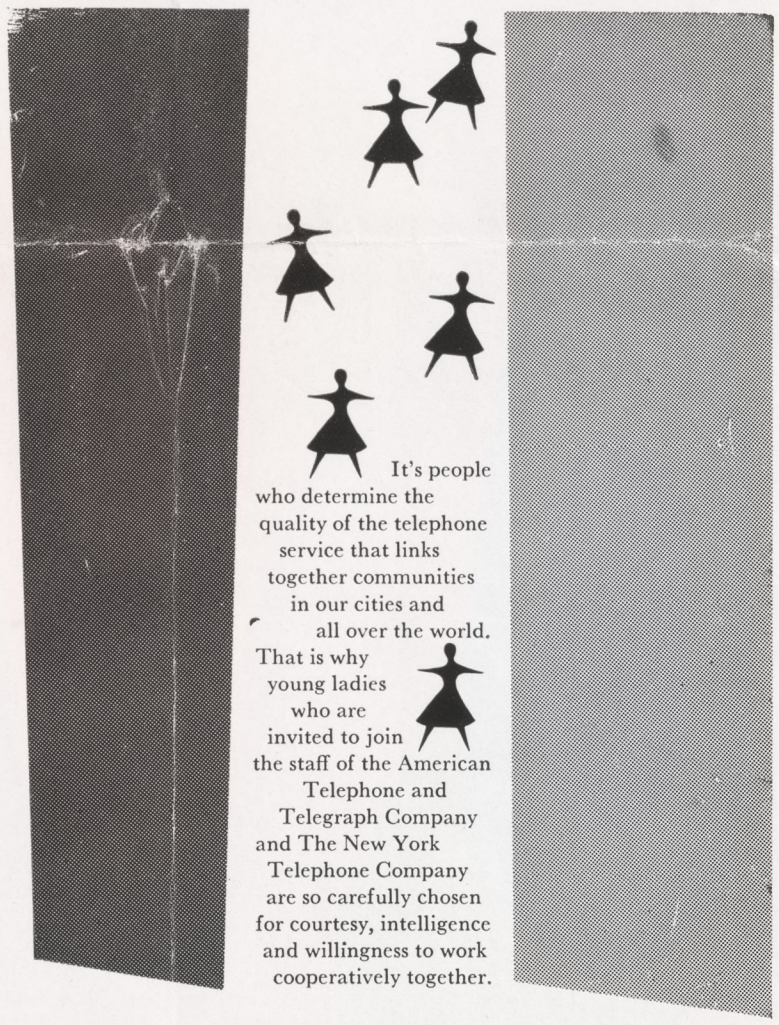

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